Application No. 10/073,896

Amendment dated April 26, 2004

Reply to Office Action of February 18, 2004

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended): A suction control unit in a plate suction and lifting device as in

elaim 1 A suction control unit in a plate suction and lifting device including a suction pad to suck

a flat part of [[the]] a plate, comprising:

a suction pressure detecting means for detecting suction pressure of the suction pad; and

'a retry control unit for controlling the plate suction and lifting device so as to have the

suction pad displaced and to have the plate suction and lifting device suck the plate again thereby

changing a location to be sucked by the suction pad in the flat part of the plate if the suction

pressure measured by the suction pressure detecting means does not reach a set pressure when

sucking the plate, wherein the plate suction and lifting device is equipped with a travel body for

traveling to at least one direction along a flat direction of the plate between a table for placing the

plate and a next process plate discharging part for placing the plate discharged from the table and

the suction pad is provided in the travel body and the retry control unit changes the flat part of the

plate sucked by moving the travel body.

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3. (Original): A suction control unit in a plate suction and lifting device as in claim 2, wherein the travel body can freely move to the given direction along the flat direction of the plate.